

REMARKS

The Examiner considers the amendment filed on 26 March 2002 to be non-compliant for failing to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. According to the notice, in order to place the amendment in compliance, the Examiner requires a marked up copy of Claims 3, 4 and 13.

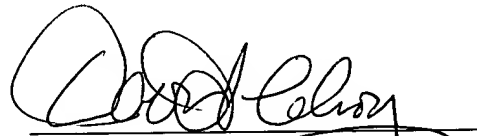
In the Reply of 26 March 2002, Applicants provided marked up version of Claims 3, 4 and 13 (*see*, p. 7 of the Reply of 26 March 2002). However, Applicants did not include clean versions of Claims 3, 4, 13 and 14. It is believed that the Examiner's intent was to request clean copies of Claims 3, 4, 13 and 14. Applicants submit the same herewith above with this Reply in a good faith and *bona fide* effort to place the Amendment in compliance.

It is believed that the above amendments and remarks overcome the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Withdrawal of the Notice is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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